GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Water for Drought Hit Areas
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether water has been transported to the drought hit areas in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
(b) the amount of water carried and the distance travelled by such trains to transport water;
(c) whether the Government has any plan to provide water through rail in drought hit areas like Bundelkhand, Telangana and Marathvada in Maharashtra and other parts of the country on permanent basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)
(a) Ministry of Railways undertakes movement for transportation of water on the request of the State Government. At present 3 tanks wagon rakes consisting of 50 wagons each have been deployed for transportation of water in Rajasthan and Maharashtra State.
(b) One full tank wagon rake consisting 50 tank wagons carries around 25 lakhs liters water per rake. Water transportation in tank wagons from Nasriabad to Bhilwada involves around 109 kms and from Miraj to Latur for around 343 kms.
(c) & (d) At present 3 tanks wagon rakes consisting of 50 wagons each have been deployed for transportation of water in Rajasthan and Maharashtra State. Further, 10 tank wagons have been sent to Jhansi for transportation of water as and when required in Bundelkhand area. No request has been received by the Ministry of Railways regarding transportation of water in Telangana region.
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